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SUBJECT: COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF GOVERNMENT BUDGET
EXPERTS (CCG)

REF: (A) USNATO 3058; (B) STATE 98605 (1976)

1. WE WOULD LIKE TO USE SECRETARIES GENERAL PROPOSAL(REF A)
AS OPPORTUNITY FOR DEFINING THE LEGAL BASIS OF THE CCG, ITS
POWERS AND RELEVANT PROCEDURE AND TO STUDY HOW TO IMPROVE
THE POSSIBILITIES AVAILABLE TO STAFF ASSOCIATION REPRE-
SENTATIVE FOR MAKING THEIR VIEWS KNOWN TO THE CCG.

2. OUR PRIMARY INTEREST IS IN MAINTAINING A PROPERLY
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FUNCTIONING CCG WHICH SERVES USG INTERESTS BY IMPOSING
STANDARD COMPENSATION LEVELS IN THE FIVE COORDINATED
ORGANIZATIONS, THEREBY RETARDING THEIR ABILITY TO RATCHET
UP UNWARRANTED PAY AND FRINGE BENEFITS. SECRETARIES
GENERAL PROPOSAL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITY FOR CCG REFORM ALONG
LINES SUGGESTED PARAS 8 AND 9 REF (B), WHICH REFORM WOULD
MAKE CCG A MORE EFFECTIVE INSTRUMENT.

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3. PREFERRED SCENARIO WOULD BE FOR COUNCILS, AFTER APPROPRIATE DISCUSSION, TO REFER SECRETARIES GENERAL PROPOSAL TO CCG FOR CONSIDERATION. CCG SHOULD THEN DRAFT

CHARTER FOR CCG TO BE SUBMITTED TO COUNCILS FOR APPROVAL. WHAT WE WANT OUT OF THE EXERCISE IS APPROPRIATE CHARTER FOR CCG INCORPORATING NECESSARY REFORMS AND SUITABLE RECOMMENDATIONS, PERHAPS ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF (B), FOR HANDLING RELATIONS WITH STAFF ASSOCIATIONS.

4. MISSIONS SHOULDCONSULT WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS PRIOR TO COUNCILS' DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIES GENERAL PROPOSAL. CAREFUL MANAGEMENT WILL BE REQUIRED TO KEEP THIS ONE ON THE TRACKS, SINCE OUR OBJECTIVE IS PROBABLY NOT EXACTLY WHAT SECRETARIES GENERAL HAVE IN MIND. IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO HANDLE THIS ONE IN OECD, RATHER THAN COUNCIL OF EUROPE, SINCE ALL CCG COUNTRIES ARE REPRESENTED AT OECD BUT NOT AT COUNCIL OF EUROPE. CHRISTOPHER

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